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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Zlotkin, Stanley H. .

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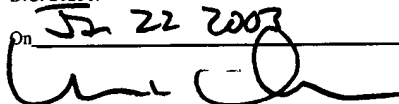
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Title: Composition Comprising Microencapsulated Iron

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

REPLY

This reply is being filed in response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2002. The period to respond is extended by petition and payment of the appropriate fee, provided herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 7-30 and 32-35 and add new claims 36-67 as follows:

36. A method for preventing iron deficiency anemia in a mammal comprising the steps of:

a) removing from packaging material, a composition that comprises micro-encapsulated iron granules;